

Report from 2 North Jackson

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**“It doesn’t matter
‘til it matters.”**

- Sonny Brasfield, 2018



The Association has always
mattered perhaps more
than some of you realize.



Global pandemic

National unrest

Employment crisis

Supply shortage

Soaring energy prices

Record inflation



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**Today, counties prosper
in amazing fashion.**



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How this happens matters...



Highlights of ACCA Service Initiatives



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Joint Bid Program

- Operating for nearly 25 years
- Saves counties an estimated \$5M - \$7M annually

Total savings for counties: \$125M – \$175M



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Income Tax Debt Set-Off Program

- Operating for 8 years
- \$2.9 million returned to counties thus far in 2022

Total provided to counties: \$16.4M



Local Government Health Insurance Program

- Rate increases are less than half of open-market costs

Savings applied in every county budget



Retirement Benefits

- Reversed negative Tier II benefits
- Expanded RSA Board representation



Workers' Compensation Benefits

- Premiums totaled \$15.3M in 2009
- Premiums will total \$13.1M in 2023

Total savings for counties: \$44.3M *(including inflation)*



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Workers' Compensation Performance Since 2009

- \$15M provided to counties in the form of refunds, bonuses & incentives

Total contributed to county budgets: \$59.3M



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Liability Fund Benefits

- Premiums totaled \$10.6M in 2009
- Premiums will total \$11.8M in 2023

Total savings for counties: \$32M *(including inflation)*



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Liability Performance Since 2009

- \$20.1M provided to counties in the form of refunds, bonuses & incentives

Total contributed to county budgets: \$52.1M



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ACCA Property Insurance Benefits

- County rates have seen no cumulative increase since program began
- Meanwhile, industry rates have increased by 15%

Savings applied in every county budget



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Property Tax Annual Reappraisal

- Property taxes have increased statewide by 30%+ since 2011

Impact visible in every county budget

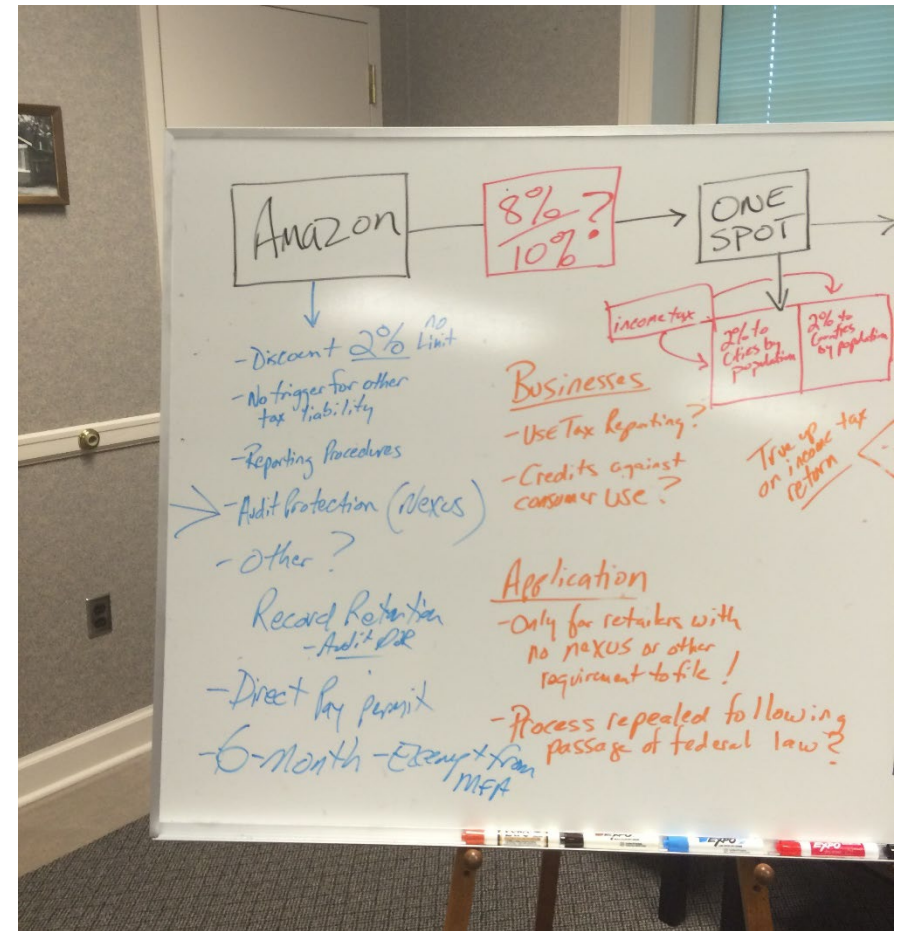


Selected ACCA Legislative Initiatives



Simplified Sellers Use Tax (Online Sales Tax)

- Established in 2016 at ACCA's initiation
- \$1.8B in funds collected to date statewide



Simplified Sellers Use Tax (Online Sales Tax)

- Counties receive 20% of total statewide revenue
- \$120M to be provided to counties by end of FY22

Total revenue for counties: \$390M *(since 2016)*



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Alabama Trust Fund

- \$30M delivered to counties in FY22

Total provided to counties: \$650M+



COVID-19 Funding

- **\$125M** of State's CARES Act funds secured to cover county costs
- **\$11M** of State's ARPA funds secured to offset county care of State inmates



Tax Abatement & Exemption Protection

- Impact for counties can't be measured
- ACCA provides strong voice in limiting the establishment of any abatements or exemptions without county government consent



Permanent 911 Funding

- Statewide fee established to fully fund 911 operations
- Eliminated need for county-funded financial support

Savings applied in every county budget



Local Salary Supplements Elimination

- Judicial Officials
- Juvenile Probation Officers

Savings applied in every county budget



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Road & Bridge Efforts



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- \$250M provided to counties through 2000 bridge bond
- \$770M provided to counties through ATRIP-I

Total directed to county roads & bridges: \$1.1B



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Rebuild Alabama



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- \$75M allocated to counties annually
- \$26M made available to counties through federal swap
- \$6.7M provided to counties for subsidizing engineering salaries

Annual total directed to counties: \$107.7M



Rebuild Alabama Grant Programs

- **\$30M - \$50M** made available to local governments annually through ATRIP-II
- **\$10M** made available to local governments annually through discretionary program



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\$2,635,800,000



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